

**PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IA**

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Friday 25 May 2018

13.30 – 16.30

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Paper 1

**METAPHYSICS**

*Answer **three** questions only.*

*Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer. If you are answering an either/or question, indicate the letter as well.*

**STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS**

*20 Page Answer Book x 1*

*Rough Work Pad*

**You may not start to read the  
questions printed on the  
subsequent pages of this question  
paper until instructed that you may  
do so by the Invigilator**

1. 'Someone who has never seen ice might refuse to believe reports that an elephant has walked across a river in winter. To refuse to believe reports of a miracle is equally foolhardy.' Discuss.
2. Does the success of a counterfactual theory of causation depend on distinguishing between causal dependence and causation?
3. 'Smoking causes cancer. So causes do not necessitate their effects.' Discuss.
4. The people of Zembla believe that when you fall asleep you die: a different person will wake up, who will have inherited the body and most of the psychological traits of the person who fell asleep. What facts, if any, are the people of Zembla getting wrong?
5. What (if anything) would follow about our identity conditions from accepting that 'person' is a phase sortal term?
6. Do all versions of the ontological argument require that 'exists' be a genuine predicate?
7. Does the existence of evil make it irrational to be a theist?
8. EITHER (a) Can a person be morally responsible for something despite having been unable to do otherwise?  
  
OR (b) Could recognising the truth of determinism ever make it rational for us to attempt giving up taking the reactive stance?
9. 'Every physical event has a physical cause. Mental events can have physical effects. Therefore, mental events are physical events.' Discuss.
10. 'You can't learn what red is just by reading a book. But this fact has no more bearing on the question of physicalism than the fact that you can't learn to swim just by reading a book.' Discuss.

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